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Application No. 10/614,421
Reply to Office Action of June 22, 2004

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 132781 (MHM 14976US01))

In the Application of:

John M. Simmons

Serial No. 10/614,421

Filed: July 7, 2003

For: Release Mechanism for Enabling
Manual Manipulation of a
Motorized C-Arm

Examiner: Rodney H. Bonck

Group Art Unit: 3681

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Examiner Bonck:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action of June 22, 2004. This Amendment is timely because it is being filed within the period for response which expires September 22, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows: